



# Spotlight

## on Student Assessment and Accountability

May 4, 2017

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## 2,000,000 Online Test Sessions have been completed!

### End of Testing Window for Grades 5, 8, and 11

**Friday, May 5, 2016** is the end of the M-STEP testing window for grades 5, 8, and 11. All M-STEP testing in these grades must be completed by the end of the instructional day.

Schools with online testers should remind their Technology Director to clear the TSM(s) after all testing has completed for the day. This will ensure all responses are sent to DRC for scoring. See pages 71-73 of the [Technology User Guide](#), available on [eDIRECT](#) (<https://mi.drcedirect.com>) under **Documents**, for information on viewing and sending unsent responses. **Monday, May 8, 2017 at 4:00 PM**, all "In Progress" M-STEP tests for grades 5, 8, and 11 will be marked "Complete," so please make sure that all responses have been sent by Monday morning.

**Key:**  information Tech Coordinators also need to know

 Reminder (previously run article)

## Preliminary Reports Reminder

M-STEP and MI-Access Preliminary reports are available in the Secure Site within 48 hours of student testing. Schools and districts can use these reports to view preliminary scores.

For information on accessing the reports, see [How to Access and Navigate Michigan's Dynamic Score Reporting Site](#) on the [M-STEP](#) ([www.michigan.gov/mstep](http://www.michigan.gov/mstep)) and [MI-Access](#) ([www.michigan.gov/mi-access](http://www.michigan.gov/mi-access)) web pages under the REPORTING section.

## WIDA Pre-K Cycle Open

The WIDA ACCESS Placement Test (W-APT) Pre-K Cycle is now available in the Secure Site. Districts that may have students enrolling for Kindergarten between now and August 1, 2017 should screen students using the W-APT if a "yes" has been indicated on the student's Home Language Survey. All screener scores should be entered into the Secure Site regardless of a student's eligibility for English learner (EL) services. To make determinations as to which students should and should not be considered, EL educators must refer to the [Michigan Entrance and Exit Criteria](#) on the [WIDA web page](#) ([www.michigan.gov/wida](http://www.michigan.gov/wida)). Under the **General Information** section, select **EL Entrance and Exit Protocol**.

For help in entering students and scores into the Secure Site, please visit the [Secure Site Training web page](#) ([www.michigan.gov/securesitetraining](http://www.michigan.gov/securesitetraining)) or call 877-560-8378 (Option 3).

## Important Information for the New WIDA Screener

Beginning on **August 1, 2017**, districts will begin utilizing a new English learner (EL) screener. The new WIDA Screener will replace the grade 1-12 W-APT and will be available in both an online and paper format. Districts will continue to use the W-APT for Pre- K students, kindergartners, and first-semester 1st graders.

To prepare for this transition, the [WIDA Screener & W-APT Michigan Policy Manual](#) should be reviewed by educators. This document is located on the [WIDA web page](#) ([www.michigan.gov/wida](http://www.michigan.gov/wida)) under the **What's New** section.

Additionally, educators with [wida.us](http://wida.us) accounts will have access to the new WIDA Screener training modules beginning on **May 8, 2017**. Please refer to the WIDA Screener & W-APT Michigan Policy Manual. It includes answers to many questions, such as how to gain access to [wida.us](http://wida.us).

## Accountability for Section 31a At-Risk Public Report Available

Section 31a of the State School Aid Act provides funding to eligible districts for instructional and pupil support services for those who meet the at-risk identification characteristics in the legislation. Section 31a legislation now mandates an accountability component, beginning in school year 2018–19. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) have worked together to create the first report for MI School Data that is specific to the Section 31a At-Risk population.

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This report provides a snapshot view of the number and percentage of Section 31a At-Risk students in 3rd grade who meet proficiency on the English language arts (ELA) section of the M-STEP assessment, and the number and percentage of Section 31a At-Risk students in 11th grade who meet college readiness benchmarks on the SAT. The report also shows summary accountability data for all content areas in all grade levels.

While the Section 31a At-Risk report will not be part of the statewide accountability system for two years, we provided the information for secure users in MI School Data on April 20, 2017 and for the public beginning **May 4, 2017**.

Michigan is aligning its long-term goals and measurements of interim progress with an initiative to become a top 10 educational state in 10 years, by the 2024–25 school year. The Section 31a At-Risk report supports efforts to reduce achievement gaps, to identify areas of challenge, and to allocate resources to support access to quality educational opportunities for all students.

For more information on Section 31a At-Risk, including an FAQ, an At-A-Glance Overview, and accountability business rules, go to the [Office of Field Services web page](http://www.michigan.gov/ofs) ([www.michigan.gov/ofs](http://www.michigan.gov/ofs)) and click on **Section 31a At-Risk** under the **Programs** section.

For questions related to accountability for Section 31a At-Risk, please contact Alexander Schwarz at [schwarza@michigan.gov](mailto:schwarza@michigan.gov). For questions related to Section 31a At-Risk report utilization, functionality, and logging into MI School Data, please contact the CEPI help desk at [CEPI@michigan.gov](mailto:CEPI@michigan.gov).



## FAME Project Accepting New Coach Applications through May 5, 2017

The Formative Assessment for Michigan Educators (FAME) project is entering its tenth year, and is seeking interested educators who would like to lead a local learning team of teachers to explore, implement, and reflect on formative assessment practices in their classrooms.

FAME coaches are not expected to be the local expert on the formative assessment process; rather FAME coaches are learners, along with their learning team.

The deadline to apply is **Friday, May 5, 2017**. If you have any questions, please email Kimberly Young, MDE/OSA at [youngk1@michigan.gov](mailto:youngk1@michigan.gov) or call 517-373-0988.



More information on the FAME project and access to the online [2017–18 New FAME Coach application](#) is available on the [MDE Formative Assessment Process page](#) ([www.michigan.gov/formativeassessment](http://www.michigan.gov/formativeassessment)) under **What's New**.



(source 2015-16 MAC Research Abstract)

- About half of learning teams are made up of elementary level educators and about half reported to be from the secondary level
- Once a team is launched, FAME is a flexible professional learning model where learning team teams decide when and where they meet and what topics to discuss
- Detailed abstract information on FAME is available on the MDE [Formative Assessment Process page](#) ([www.michigan.gov/formativeassessment](http://www.michigan.gov/formativeassessment))

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## SAT Corner

*Information on SAT™, PSAT 8/9™, and PSAT10™ provided by the College Board*

### Questions about Spring PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, or SAT?

- call the Michigan Educator Hotline: 866-870-3127 (select Option 1)
- contact the Call Center: 877-560-8378 (select Option 4)
- email [michiganadministratorsupport@collegeboard.org](mailto:michiganadministratorsupport@collegeboard.org)

### Score Release

Students who participated on the initial test day(s) for SAT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 can expect to receive scores in their College Board account on **May 10, 2017**. Please note that students who tested as part of the makeup test day may not be

included in the release of scores on this date, these will be released on a weekly basis as they become available. Educators will have access to scores in the K-12 reporting portal by the end of June, after the MDE has verified the applicable accountability and data files.

### Most Importantly . . . THANK YOU!

Administrative activities for the SAT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 are now complete and the College Board appreciates all of the time and effort that educators have put into helping deliver opportunity to the students in Michigan! We appreciate all that you do!

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## Important Dates

### Approaching Deadlines!

#### Online Testing

##### Friday, May 5, 2017:

- **M-STEP** Test Window **CLOSES** for Grades 5, 8, and 11

##### Friday, May 5, 2017:

- **FAME** Project **DEADLINE** for New Coach Applications. More information on the FAME project and access to the online [application](#) is available on the [MDE Formative Assessment Process page](#) ([www.michigan.gov/formativeassessment](http://www.michigan.gov/formativeassessment)) under **What's New**.

### May 2017

#### Online Testing

##### Now – May 26, 2017:

- Pre-ID of students for online testing for **M-STEP**, **MI-Access**, **Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments**, and **Michigan Science Pilot Assessment**

##### Now – May 26, 2017:

- **Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessment** Test Window: Grades K–2
- **Michigan Science Standards Pilot Test** Window: Grades 5, 8, and 11

##### Now – May 26, 2017:

- **M-STEP** Test Window: Grades 3, 4, 6, and 7

##### May 31, 2017, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM:

- **WIDA Workshop for Online Screener REGISTRATION IS CLOSED**

#### Online and Paper/Pencil Testing

##### Now – May 24, 2017 at 5:00 PM:

**WIDA ACCESS for ELLs 2.0** Verification of Enrollment for Accountability window.

##### Now – May 26, 2017:

- Off-site Test Administration request window (for individual students such as homebound or expelled with service students) for **M-STEP** and **MI-Access**. Submit request [here](https://baameap.wufoo.com/forms/offsite-test-administration-request-spring-2017/) (<https://baameap.wufoo.com/forms/offsite-test-administration-request-spring-2017/>)

##### Now – May 26, 2017:

- eDIRECT available for online test administrative tasks for **M-STEP**, **MI-Access**, **Early Literacy and Mathematics Benchmark Assessments**, and the **Michigan Science Standards Pilot**

##### Now – May 26, 2017:

- **MI-Access** Test Window: 3-8 and 11

##### May 26, 2017:

- **MI-Access P/SI** Online entry of answer documents **closes**

##### Now – June 21, 2017 at 5:00 PM:

- **M-STEP**, **MI-Access**, and **SAT** 3-8, 11, and required 12 Verification of Enrollment for Accountability window

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### Paper/Pencil Testing

#### **Now – May 16, 2017 at noon:**

- **M-STEP Grades 3, 4, 6, and 7** additional materials and makeup orders

#### **Now – May 19, 2017:**

- **M-STEP** Test Window: Grades 3, 4, 6, and 7

Paper/Pencil testers do not have the entire online window for testing. Please refer to the [Paper/Pencil Summative Testing Schedule for content specific dates](#) located on the [M-STEP web page](#) ([www.michigan.gov/mstep](http://www.michigan.gov/mstep)) under **Current Assessment Administration**.

#### **May 24, 2017:**

**M-STEP Grades 3, 4, 6, and 7** Materials and Answer Documents Return Deadline. May 24, 2017 is the final date to ship without penalty and inclusion in Answer Document Verification. See the [M-STEP Test Administration Manual \(TAM\)](#) on the [M-STEP web page](#) (<http://www.michigan.gov/mstep>), pages 81-88, for detailed instructions.

#### **Now – May 23, 2017 at noon:**

- **MI-Access** additional materials and makeup orders

#### **May 30, 2017:**

- **MI-Access Grades 3–8 and 11** Materials and Answer Documents Return Deadline. May 30, 2017 is the final date to ship without penalty and inclusion in Answer Document Verification. See the [MI-Access Test Administration Manual \(TAM\)](#) on the [MI-Access web page](#) (<http://www.michigan.gov/mi-access>), pages 91-94, for detailed instructions.

## June 2017

### Online Testing

#### **June 1, 2017, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM:**

- **WIDA Paper Screener Workshop**  
**Seats are still available for this workshop. Register Today!**



## Recently Asked Questions . . .

### Why couldn't my student highlight one of the sentences in a paragraph on the M-STEP ELA test?

The M-STEP contains “hot text” test questions, which are paragraphs with embedded answers. Students are asked to select a sentence(s) or word(s) to answer a question. It is important for your students to know that **not all** of the sentences or words are selectable. This is the expected functionality. The test items have been reviewed to verify that the correct answers are among the selectable sentences.



#### Have Questions?

Email [BAA@michigan.gov](mailto:BAA@michigan.gov) for assessment questions.

Email [MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov) for accountability questions.

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